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### TERROR FUNDING: NIA...

Hundreds of JeI activists were arrested in a major crackdown across Jammu and Kashmir following the ban, which came just months ahead of the abrogation of the special status of the erstwhile state and its bifurcation into two Union territories in August 2019.

### 48 DySPs placed...

45 officers, it added.

They include Pashotam Lal, Mohd Aslam, Swam Singh, Nissar Hussain, Ali Mohd, Veer Singh, Vijay Paul Singh, Jamrood Singh, Mohd Tufail, Abdul Rashid Khan, Abdul Majid Rather, Farooq Ahmad, Adil Hussain, Pranav Mahajan, Bashir Ahmed Teli, Bodh Raj, Lazar Khandayare, Kamlesh Shoor, Rajinder Kumar, Abdul Maqid Magray, Owais Ahmad Wani, Mohd Ameen Bhat, Bhopinder Kumar, Tussif Ahmed, Tahir Amin Sheikh, Irshad Ahmad Ahanger, Shahid Nahiem, Aashiq Hussain Malik, Shahjahan Choudhary, Imran Malik, Mudassar Hussain, Khalid Ashraf, Sagara Singh, Anita Pawar, Bashir Ahmad, Reyaz Ahmad, Shafiq Ahmad, Joginder Singh, Suraj Singh, Manzoor Hussain, Khurshid Ahmad, Ghulam Hassan Bhat, Gulzar Rashid Magray, Surinder Singh and Mohd Hussain.

### JEE-Main: 24...

Krishna Sharma, Mayank Motwani and Parth Bhardwaj.

Other candidates who scored 100 are Sarthak Maheshwari (Haryana), Kushagra Srivastava (Jharkhand), Mrinal Garg (Punjab), Smeeta Pareek (Assam), Boya Harsen Satvik (Karnataka) and Saumitra Garg and Kanishka Sharma from Uttar Pradesh.

"Over 10.26 lakh candidates had registered for the two sessions of the exam while 9.05 lakh candidates had appeared. Over 4.04 lakh candidates had appeared for both the sessions," senior NTA official said.

The examination was conducted at 622 examination centres in 440 cities including 17 cities outside India in Manama, Doha, Dubai, Kathmandu, Muscat, Riyadh, Sharjah, Singapore, Kuwait City, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos/Abuja, Colombo, Jakarta, Vienna, Moscow, Port Louis and Bangkok.

"Vienna, Moscow, Port Louis, and Bangkok were added for the first time. Live CCTV surveillance was planned in all examination centres to curb malpractices in the examination. The NTA also made arrangements for live viewing of remote locations of all examination centres from the control room located in the NTA premises of New Delhi. Recording of CCTV systems was also done," the official said.

"Over 583 observers, 286 city-coordinators, 18 regional coordinators, two national coordinators were deployed at the examination centres to oversee the smooth and fair conduct of the examination," he added.

The official explained that the NTA score is not the same as percentage of marks obtained.

"NTA scores are normalised scores across multi session papers and are based on relative performance of all those who appeared for the examination in one session. The marks obtained are converted into a scale ranging from 100 to 0 for each session of the examinees," the official said.

The examination was conducted in 13 languages (Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu). The second session of JEE-Main is scheduled from July 21 to 30.

After both sessions of JEE (Main)-2022 examination, the ranks of the candidates will be released taking into consideration the best of the two NTA scores in accordance with the policy already in place.

### Transparent recruitment system...

was a wrong perception that no jobs were there in the Union territory.

Let me tell you that the J-K government has given the highest number of civilian jobs in its history last year. Jobs are there but they are not in the market for sale, Mehta said.

The spokesman said during the ongoing Parliament session, Union Minister of State for Home Nitinanand Rai informed that from August 2019 to June 2022, 29,806 aspirants were recruited by the J-K administration and nearly 5.2 lakh jobs were created through self-employment schemes.

During the past three years, the administration has introduced numerous self-employment schemes to help the youngsters to set up their ventures, he said.

Mission Youth has been one of the most rewarding initiatives on behalf of the J-K administration, he added.

The Mumkin' (livelihood generation) scheme under Mission Youth has helped unemployed youths to procure small commercial vehicles, on a subsidised basis, to establish a sustainable livelihood line in the transport sector, the spokesman said.

The Spurring Entrepreneurship Initiative scheme is based on the theme Youth Enterprise with Innovation (YouWiN) / Champion for Innovation programme for encouraging young entrepreneurs especially young women towards innovations in various enterprises, he said.

Similarly, he said, the Tejaswani (Radiant) scheme is aimed to promote entrepreneurship among the young women. It envisages giving financial assistance up to Rs 5 lakh to young women for setting up gainful self-employment ventures, suited to

their skills, training, aptitude and local conditions.

Another programme Sahyta has been rolled out to provide a special financial assistance programme for youth in distress. Financial assistance of Rs 2 lakh is being provided under the scheme to youth in distress for setting up gainful self-employment units, the spokesman added.

Under sector-specific scheme for dental professionals, a customised financial support is being provided to dentists for setting up dental clinics. An amount of Rs 8 lakh is provided as financial assistance under this scheme for setting up a venture, he said.

Another scheme Rise Together envisions promoting community-based entrepreneurship optimally to generate jobs and income and promote the spirit of social service among new-age young entrepreneurs in the Himalayan region, the spokesman said.

Under the scheme, the eligible youth groups are provided with financial assistance to the extent of Rs 20 lakh comprising of upfront subsidy component minimum of Rs 2.5 lakh or 10 per cent of the project cost and a loan provided by the bank, 70 per cent of the project cost to the extent of Rs 17.50 lakh, he said.

To fill in the gap between demand and supply of skilled workforce and to create a strong environment for professionals and technical skill development in J-K, the administration has roped in prominent organisations like ICICI Foundation, Tata Technologies Ltd, Primal Foundation, Wipro, among others for working on upgrading skills of youths in the sectors having high employability potential like banking and financial services, digital marketing, media management etc, the spokesman said.

### UGC-NET phase...

country," UGC chairman M Jagadesh Kumar said.

"Second phase was earlier scheduled to be held on 12, 13 and 14 August 2022. However, now the final phase examination of UGC-NET December 2021 and June 2022 (merged cycles) has been scheduled to be conducted between 20 and 30 September 2022, involving 64 subjects," he said.

### DGP visits Army's...

measures along the strategic highway were discussed in detail during the meeting, which was among others attended by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range, Sunil Gupta and Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Mohita Shrama.

Earlier, during his visit to Kishtwar, the DGP conducted an aerial survey of far-flung areas and chaired a series of meetings with senior officers to review the security situation in the district.

He first visited Machail and interacted with the police and CISF personnel deployed for the annual yatra, which started on July 25 and will culminate on September 5, the spokesman said, adding Dilbag Singh directed them to work in tandem for the safe and secure pilgrimage.

"J-K Police in perfect synergy with all sister agencies have so far successfully conducted the ongoing Amarnath Yatra (in south Kashmir Himalayas) which is in its last stage," the DGP said and stressed for the same synergy among all stakeholders for the successful conclusion of the Machail pilgrimage as well.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Kishtwar, Shafiqat Hussain and CISF officers apprised the DGP about the measures taken for the smooth and secure yatra.

The DGP and the ADGP also paid obeisance at the Machail Mata temple and prayed for the peace and welfare of the people of the Union territory, the spokesman said.

At the District Police Office, Kishtwar, the DGP directed the officers to take stringent action against those people involved in heinous crimes and those involved in drug peddling and anti-national activities.

He also emphasised upon the officers to make adequate use of modern security gadgets including CCTVs and drones to further augment the security of the district, the spokesman said.

### Electricity Amendment Bill...

(AIPEF) claimed in a statement that lakhs of power sector employees and engineers across the country stopped work on Monday and held demonstrations in protest against the amendment bill.

The AIPEF alleged that the bill will end all subsidies to power consumers affecting commoners, especially farmers and the downtrodden.

Minister Singh claimed the opposition members were indulging in "false propaganda" against the bill.

"The farmers will continue to get free power. There will be no roll back of subsidy," he said amid calls for wider consultations on the contentious measure.

"We have consulted the states and other stakeholders. This bill is pro-people and pro-farmers," Singh said as he introduced the bill in the Lok Sabha.

Opposing the introduction of the bill, RSP MP N K Premachandran, Congress members Manish Tewari and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, CPI(M)'s M A Arif, Trinamool member Saugata Roy and DMK leader T R Balaji said the draft legislation was against the federal structure of the Constitution.

Premachandran said electricity was on the concurrent list and it was the "boundary duty" of the Centre to have "effective consultations" with state governments before introducing the bill.

The list of district level winners shall be forwarded to the Divisional Commissioners who shall then finalise the winners. The winners of the competition will get cash awards of Rs 25,000, Rs 11,000 and Rs 5,000 for first, second and third prizes respectively besides getting an opportunity to perform National Anthem at the Divisional level Independence Day celebrations. Looking at the number of requests received for extending the deadline, the DIPR is thinking of opening another round of competition under 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Tewari said the bill envisages allowing multiple private companies to provide electricity in the same area, a provision that could lead to "privatisation of profits and nationalisation of losses".

He contended that the legislation, which seeks to facilitate non-discriminatory open access to the distribution network of a distribution licensee, also sought to reduce the role of the Centre in distribution of electricity.

Roy and Arif said the bill was contrary to the assurances given by the Modi government to the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), which had laid a year-long siege at some of the border points in the national capital demanding roll back of agricultural reforms and shelving of proposed amendments to the Electricity Act. The three controversial farm laws have since been withdrawn.

Baalu said the Tamil Nadu government was giving free electricity to farmers for the past several years and the proposed amendments could affect "poor farmers" who receive free power.

Opposition members demanded a division on the motion moved by the minister to introduce the bill, which was rejected by the Speaker.

"You can seek division only from your respective seats and not from the Well," the Speaker said.

The opposition resorted to sloganising for a while and then staged a walkout from the Lok Sabha.

Chief Minister Kejriwal termed the proposed amendments to the Electricity Act as "dangerous" and urged the Centre to not go ahead with it in haste, claiming that it will only benefit a few power distribution companies.

He said the bill will increase suffering of the people as it will make problems associated with power supply and distribution more serious instead of addressing it.

"This law is very dangerous," Kejriwal said in a tweet in Hindi.

"This will make the electricity problem more serious. People's suffering will increase. Only a few companies will benefit. I appeal to the Centre to not bring this (bill) in haste," he added.

Chief Minister Mann said the introduction of the bill was an attack on the constitutional rights of the states.

He accused the Union government of "weakening" the foundations of the federal structure through "such nefarious designs".

Mann said it was another attempt of the central government to "undermine" the authority of the states. The Centre should not consider the states as puppets, he added.

The states will not sit silently against this attempt of the government of India to "dilute the federal spirit of our democracy," Mann said in a statement issued in Chandigarh.

The bill seeks to amend section 14 of the Act to facilitate usage of distribution networks by all licensees under provisions of non-discriminatory open access with the objective of enabling competition, enhancing efficiency of distribution licensees for improving services and ensuring sustainability of the power sector.

It also envisages amending section 62 of the Act to make provisions vis-à-vis graduated revision in tariff over a year besides mandatory fixing of maximum ceiling and minimum tariff by the appropriate commission.

The bill further provides for amending section 166 to strengthen functions that will be discharged by the regulators.

### National Anthem Singing...

this competition around 9,000 entries having around 50,000 participants were received from different parts of Jammu and Kashmir which is four times more than the entries received last year and almost equal submissions were received from both Jammu and Kashmir divisions". He added that especially the districts of South Kashmir are leading and have given overwhelming response in the number of submissions. The entries received will be sent to respective Deputy Commissioners of participants who will choose best three from each categories. The winners from each district will sing the National Anthem at their respective district headquarters on Independence Day.

The list of district level winners shall be forwarded to the Divisional Commissioners who shall then finalise the winners. The winners of the competition will get cash awards of Rs 25,000, Rs 11,000 and Rs 5,000 for first, second and third prizes respectively besides getting an opportunity to perform National Anthem at the Divisional level Independence Day celebrations. Looking at the number of requests received for extending the deadline, the DIPR is thinking of opening another round of competition under 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

### J&K records 452...

Of these, 168 deaths were reported from Leh and 60 from Kargil.

The officials said the number of active COVID-19 cases has gone down to 113 in Ladakh -- 103 from Leh and 10 from Kargil.

While a total of 285 sample reports were tested in Ladakh, 217 sample reports in Leh and 47 sample reports in Kargil were found to be negative.

Of the total 18 people discharged from hospital in Ladakh, 15 were discharged from Leh and 3 from Kargil.

With this, the total number of recoveries in the union territory now stands at 28,663, the officials added.

### CRPF 38 Bn takes out Tiranga rally



CRPF personnel during Tiranga Rally at Samba.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBA: Under the campaign of Har Ghar Tiranga, Central Reserve Police Force, 38 Battalion, took out Tiranga rally. Led by Dhirendra Verma, Commandant, 38 Battalion, the jawans carrying Tricolor in hands marched from District Samba via CITCO Chowk to Paramandal Mor and back to its Headquarters at 38 Battalion Samba. They also distributed leaflet about the tricolor festival to people and asked them to hoist tricolor at every house. Deepak Mehra of 38 Battalion Central Reserve Police Force, Second Commanding Officer, Harji Lal Bairwa, Second Commanding Officer, Sanjay Mohanty, Deputy Commandant, Neeraj Rana Assistant Commandant, Subordinate Officers and Jawans were present in the march.

### Rajouri Police launches 2 dedicated helplines

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
RAJOURI: District Police Rajouri on Monday launched 2 dedicated helplines for women in distress and people suffering from drug addiction. These helplines will be served by dedicated phone numbers which will cater to the needs of women in distress and people who need drug addiction related counseling and help.

Pertinent to mention here that women PS Rajouri has 2 dedicated social workers/counselors available for assistance of women in distress. Moreover, district Police has made available a 10 bedded drug de-addiction facility at GMC Rajouri. This facility is run by a psychiatrist and a trained counselor. All those who need help to overcome any drug-addiction shall be provided medication and counselling.

SSP Rajouri Mohd. Aslam, urged the people of the district to make maximum use of these helplines and seek best possible assistance and seek help.

Women Helpline numbers: 01962-260239 and 91030-11703 while Drug de-addiction helpline numbers: 9596047100 and PCR Rajouri-01962-262515.

### Three arrested with 43 bundles of banned Chinese thread

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU: Police on Monday nabbed three persons and recovered 43 bundles of banned Chinese Manja (Gattu).

As per details, information was received at Police Station Domana regarding sale of banned synthetic thread. On this, a team of Police Station Domana under the supervision of SDPO Domana Sunil Singh led by SHO Domana In-charge Tilak Raj during Naka checking at Naka Point Domana rounded up three suspects in the area. During search, 43 bundles of Chinese Manja (Gattu) were recovered from their vehicle (JK02BT-5453). The trio was arrested and FIR No 279/2022 under sections 188 of IPC was registered against them at Police Station Domana. The accused were identified as Deepak Kumar, son of Pouni Chak; Vivek Singh, son of Mohan Singh, resident of Pouni Chak and Vishal Singh, son of Vikram Singh, resident of Pouni Chak.

### Two missing women among three traced; reunited with families

#### STATE TIMES NEWS

JAMMU/UDHAMPUR: Police on Monday traced three missing persons including two women and reunited them with their families.

As per details, two different complaints were lodged at Police Station Gangyal and Police Post Phallian Mandal, by legal heirs of a woman and a boy namely, Bobby Sharma, son of Sham Lal, resident of Bagori, District Rajouri at present Sampuram Pur, Kullain Phallian Mandal stating that they went missing from their respective houses. In this regard, two different missing reports were registered at Police Station Gangyal and Police Post Phallian Mandal respectively and investigation started. On this, special police teams were formed under the supervision of SDPO South Sachit Sharma. The teams led by SHO Gangyal In-charge Joginder Singh Chib and SHO Satwari In-charge Jeelani assisted by In-charge Police Post Phallian Mandal PSI Ajesh Singh Jamwal, after putting in hectic efforts, traced both the missing persons. Subsequently families of missing persons were informed and they were handed over to their respective family members after completing all legal formalities.

Udhampur Police also traced out a missing woman and reunited with her family. Police received a written complaint stating therein that a woman went missing from her house. Accordingly, a missing report was lodged at Police Station Udhampur and search was launched to trace her. After strenuous efforts, the missing woman was traced out from Pahkhial area of Udhampur, brought back safely to Police Station Udhampur & handed over to her family after completion of all legal formalities. The tracing party was led by Insp. Chaman Gokhla under the supervision of Addl SP Udhamp